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Local Disaster Emergency Declaration

Whereas, commencing on August 17, 2019, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough sustained severe threats to life and property from multiple wild fires in the Willow/Caswell area; and

Whereas, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is a political subdivision within the State of Alaska; and

Whereas, the following additional conditions exist as a result of the multiple wildfires in the Willow/Caswell area: disruption of intrastate transportation and tourism; electrical power interruption for prolonged periods; communication disruption for prolonged periods; property damage and loss; and environmental impacts due to wildfire; and

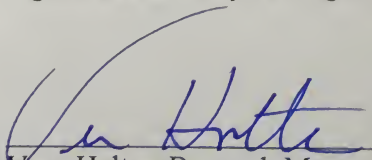
Whereas, the severity and magnitude of the multiple wildfires in the Willow/Caswell area is beyond the timely and effective response capability of the local resources and has hampered ability to obtain and maintain situational awareness related to damages; and

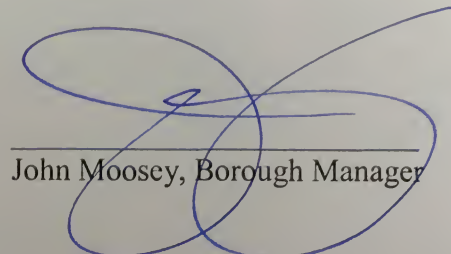
Therefore, be it resolved that the Borough Mayor and Borough Manager of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough do declare a Local Disaster Emergency per AS 26.23.140 to exist in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, effective August 20, 2019.

Furthermore, it is requested that the Governor of the State of Alaska declare a Disaster Emergency to exist, as described in AS 26.23.020, and provide State Assistance to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough in the form of public assistance, individual assistance and other emergency resources to help the Borough in its response and recovery from this event.

Further, the undersigned certifies that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has expended its local resources as a result of this Local Disaster Emergency.

Signed the 20th day of August, 2019.


Vern Halter, Borough Mayor


John Moosey, Borough Manager